Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Chairman, if no one claims time in opposition, although I support the gentleman's amendment, I ask unanimous consent to control the time; and I would announce that this is the last amendment to be considered tonight. Though we have run through four chairmen of the full committee, I want to thank the gentleman for his patience and endurance tonight, as well as the other chairmen.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Traficant).

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may con-

Mr. Chairman, I want to start out by commending the chairman on one of the first major bills that he has conducted. I have served with him for many years, as have many others; and he is absolutely a leader.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment is one that should have been done years ago. Oil trapped in shale rock. There is enough oil in shale rock to fuel America for 300 years without a drop of oil or energy coming from any other source.

The Devonian eastern oil shale is a little bit deeper under the soil. The western oil shale is closer to the surface. It creates jobs. People have to mine it, work to claim it, refine it, distribute it, reclaim the ground and the earth.

But the problem has always been that the cost per barrel is higher than the imported foreign oil. But what people do not realize when we look at the jobs and the tax revenue, the cost factor is not as great as it is.

Let me just say this, to spare the Congress a lot of time. There is a cost to freedom, Mr. Chairman. Freedom does not come inexpensively. If we are going to in fact become energy independent, we must in fact capture all of America's valuable resources: the coal, the oil trapped in shale rock.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. BAR-TON) stole my line. Willy Sutton was asked why he robbed banks, and he said, that is where the money is. Congress is being asked tonight, why are we going after oil in Alaska, and why are we doing these other oil experiments? It is because that is where the oil is.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. Cannon).

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the gentleman's amendment. We have some slightly different figures here. In Utah alone, we have enough energy in oil shale to serve America's energy needs for the next 1,000 years. Now, we have to get that oil out.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFI-CANT) seeks to authorize funding for research and utilization for both Eastern and Western oil shales. The amendment strengthens the SAFE Act by providing a new look at opportunities for developing shale oil as a future energy source.

I urge the Secretary of Energy to engage the expertise of the U.S. Geological Survey, as well as others, in this effort. The USGS has scientists on staff who have a strong background in shale oil research. The USGS is the data repository for much of the existing information on Colorado and Utah oil shale deposits, as well as for the Eastern shales of northern Kentucky across into southern Ohio which also contain kerogen, the oil in shale oil.

In light of the legislation I passed last year transferring the Naval Oil Shale Reserve No. 2 to the Ute Indian tribe, I am particularly pleased that we will be encouraging technology to make use of oil shale.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 30 seconds to myself.

Mr. Chairman, I compliment the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) for this amendment. Oil shale may contain the oil equivalent several times the amount in conventional oil reserves and this is an important resource in America. It is rather vast, and we ought to explore it and know whether the potential is real. I think the gentleman is correct in this amendment. I ask all Members to support it.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TAUZIN. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman keep this in conference? I will not ask for a recorded vote.

Mr. TAUZIN. I will definitely try to keep it in conference.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I vield back my time.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT).

The amendment was agreed to.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order: amendment No. 13 by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY); amendment No. 15 by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Rog-

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the second electronic vote. AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Massachu-

setts (Mr. MARKEY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 206, noes 223, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 317]

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